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ABSTRACT

The Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) offers Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (HPRD) faculty and students access to the largest collection of educational literature available today. This digest discusses how to assess ERIC, the importance of the Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors, and how to use Thesaurus descriptors, and lists HPRD descriptors from the Thesaurus under the following headings: (1) athletics; (2) dance; (3) health; (4) physical education; (5) recreation; and (6) sports/activities. (JD)

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Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC), created in 1966, offers Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (HPRD) faculty and students access to the largest collection of educational literature today. The ERIC database contains more than 500,000 documents on numerous education topics. This digest discusses how to access ERIC, the importance of the *Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors*, how to use *Thesaurus* descriptors, and lists HPRD descriptors from the *Thesaurus*.

## How to Access ERIC

ERIC is accessible both on computer and through printed indexes, *Resources in Education* (*RIE*) and *Current Index to Journals in Education* (*CIJE*). The full text of RIE documents is available on microfiche at more than 750 libraries and educational institutions nationwide. *CIJE* is an annotated index to articles on education from more than 700 journals.

## Importance of the *Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors*

The ERIC database contains extensive information on health, physical education, recreation, and dance. The information is abstracted and indexed for *RIE* and *CIJE* using key words (descriptors) from a controlled vocabulary in the *Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors*. It is important to use the *Thesaurus* because knowledge of ERIC terminology is essential for any search. A researcher should begin a search by translating the ideas in the research question into the descriptors listed in an up-to-date *Thesaurus*. Using ERIC descriptors saves time for searchers and money in computer searching because the citations retrieved will be pertinent and useful. Scope notes in the *Thesaurus* clarify the usage of descriptors in ERIC that might otherwise be misinterpreted or bring extraneous citations. After choosing descriptors from the *Thesaurus*, researchers should next refer to the print indexes in *RIE* or *CIJE* or conduct a computer search of the ERIC database.

## How to Use *Thesaurus* Descriptors

The key to an "on target" search strategy is the proper selection of ERIC descriptors from the *Thesaurus*. The descriptors can be used alone or in combination with other descriptors to narrow the search for the exact documents needed. For example, a teacher who wants information on the evaluation of high school physical education programs could use the descriptors Physical Education, Evaluation, and Program/s. Appropriate mandatory educational level descriptors from the *Thesaurus* (High Schools, Junior High Schools, and Secondary Education) would also be used in a computer search to receive citations pertinent to those grade levels.

First-time ERIC users should ask someone knowledgeable about searching the system (e.g., librarian) for assistance in designing a search strategy. The following list of HPRD descriptors have been selected from the *Thesaurus* to assist all users in designing a strategy to search either the print indexes or the computer database. The descriptors are listed under the following categories: athletics, dance, health, physical education, recreation, and sports/activities. These descriptors can be used to describe precisely the topic being searched. Other non-HPRD descriptors can be obtained from the *Thesaurus*.

For further information, contact the User Services Coordinator, ERIC Clearinghouse on Teacher Education, AACTE, One Dupont Circle, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20036 (202) 293-2450.

## HPRD Descriptors

The dates in parenthesis mean the terms were used during those years but are no longer utilized. The older terms should be used, however, when searching the years listed in parenthesis.

ATHLETICS
Athletes
Athletic Coaches
Athletic Equipment
Athletic Fields
Athletics
Cocurricular Activities (1966-1980) use Extracurricular Activities
College Athletics
Competition
Extramural Athletic Programs (1966-1980) use Extramural Athletics
Females
Interscholastic Activities use Extramural Athletics
Intramural Athletic Programs (1966-1980) use Intramural Athletics
Intramural Sports
Males
Sports News use Athletics and News Media
Sports Reporting use Athletics and News Reporting
Sportsmanship
Women's Athletics

DANCE
Dance
Dance (Aerobic) use Aerobics and Dance
Dance Education
Dance Therapy

HEALTH
Alcohol Education
Alcoholic Beverages
Alcoholism
Allied Health Education use Allied Health Occupations Education
Allied Health Occupations
Allied Health Occupations Education
Allied Health Personnel
Anorexia Nervosa
Behavior Modification
Biofeedback
Blood Circulation
Body Height
Body Weight
Bulimia
Burnout
Cancer
Cardiac (1968-1980) use Heart Disorders
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
Cardiovascular System
Chemical Dependency use Drug Addiction
Cigarette Smoking use Smoking
Circulatory System use Cardiovascular System
Communicable Diseases
Community Health (1960-1980) use Public Health
Contraception
Coping
Diabetes
Dietetics
Dietitians
Diets use Dietetics
Disabilities
Diseases
Drinking
Drug Abuse
Drug Addiction
Drug Education
Drug Legislation
Drug Rehabilitation
Drug Therapy
Eating Habits
Educational Gerontology
Family Health
Fertility Rate use Birth Rate
First Aid
Genetics
Gerontology
Gynecology
Habit Formation
Health
Health Activities
Health Activities Handbooks (1966-1980) use Guides and Health Materials

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Health Conditions
Health Education
Health Materials
Health Needs
Health Occupations
Health Occupation Centers (1968-1980)
Health Occupations Education (1967-1980) use Allied Health Occupations Education
Health Workers use Allied Health Personnel
Heart Disorders
Heart Rate
Heredity
High Blood Pressure use Hypertension
Human Sexuality use Sexuality
Hygiene
Illegal Drug Use
Infectious Diseases (1966-1974) use Communicable Diseases
Injuries
Iron Deficiency Anemia use Anemia
Malnutrition use Nutrition
Marijuana
Maturation (1967-1980)
Metabolism
Narcotics
Narcotics Addiction use Drug Addiction
Nutrition
Nutrition Instruction
Obesity
Occupational Diseases
Oncology
Overweight use Obesity
Peer Pressure use Peer Influence
Pregnancy
Pregnant Students
Public Health
Public Health Legislation
Reproduction (Biology)
Sex Differences
Sex Education
Smoking
Social Drinking use Drinking
Special Health Problems
Stimulants
Stress Management
Stress Variables
Tobacco
Tumors (Malignant) use Cancer

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Adapted Physical Education
Aerobics
Aquatic Sports
Basic Skills
Calisthenics
Childrens Games
Exercise
Exercise Physiology
Eye Hand Coordination
Fatigue (Biology)
Feedback
Gymnasium
Human Posture
Locker Rooms
Motor Ability use Psychomotor Skills
Motor Development
Motor Reactions
Motor Skills use Psychomotor Skills
Movement Education
Muscle Sense use Kinesthetic Perception
Muscular Activities use Motor Reactions
Muscular Exercise use Exercise
Muscular Extensions use Motor Reactions
Muscular Flexions use Motor Reactions
Muscular Strength
Neurological Impairments
Perceptual Motor Coordination
Physical Activity Level
Physical Characteristics
Physical Conditioning use Physical Fitness
Physical Development
Physical Education
Physical Education Facilities
Physical Education Teachers
Physical Educators
Physical Exercise use Exercise
Physical Fitness
Physical Health
Physical Mobility
Physical Performance use Physical Fitness
Physical Strength use Muscular Strength
Physical Tests use Physical Examinations
Physical Therapists
Physical Therapy
Play
Posture Development use Human Posture
Posture Patterns use Human Posture
Psychomotor Skills
Reaction Time
Sex Fairness

RECREATION
Adventure Education
Boat Operators
Community Recreation Legislation (1960-1978) use Local Legislation and Recreation Legislation
Local Recreation Legislation (1960-1978) use Local Legislation and Recreation Legislation
Parks
Physical Recreation Programs
Recreation
Recreation Finances
Recreation Legislation
Recreation Therapy use Therapeutic Recreation
Recreational Activities
Recreational Facilities
Recreational Programs
Therapeutic Recreation

SPORTS/ACTIVITIES
Aquatic Sports
Badminton
Baseball
Basketball
Bicycling
Bowling
Football
Gymnastics
Hobbies
Horseback Riding
Ice Hockey
Ice Skating
Individual Activities
Jogging
Lifetime Sports
Lifting
Orienteering
Outdoor Activities
Platform Diving use Diving
Racquet Sports
Racquetball
Running
Sailing
Skiing
Snow Skiing use Skiing
Soccer
Softball
Sports use Athletics
Springboard Diving use Diving
Squash (Game)
Surfing
Swimming
Tumbling
Volleyball
Water Polo
Water Sports use Aquatic Sports
Waterskiing
Weight Training use Weightlifting
Weightlifting
Wrestling

**Additional Resources**

Another way to locate topics in a Computer Search is to search the identifier field. The following identifiers may become descriptors: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Body Composition, Health Promotion, Menstruation, and Sports Medicine.

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